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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE OR ASSISTANCE IN
ARRANGING TRANSPORT FROM LEBANON TO THE U.S.

1. CONGRESSWOMAN MARTHA GRIFFITHS' OFFICE HAS PASSED URGENT REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT TO ARRANGE TRANSPORT FROM BEIRUT TO DETROIT FOR A LEBANESE BOY, HIS MOTHER, AND A NURSING SISTER. THE BOY IS SAID TO BE PARTIALLY PARALYZED AND IS IN NEED OF OPEN-HEART SURGERY. THE FAMILY IS APPARENTLY INDIGENT, AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF MICHIGAN HAS AGREED TO PERFORM SURGERY WITHOUT COST. HOSPITAL IS ALSO WILLING TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND SUPPORT FOR MOTHER AND NURSING SISTER DURING THE BOY'S STAY THERE. PRESENT PROBLEM IS IN FINDING TRANSPORT FOR THREE PEOPLE FROM BEIRUT TO DETROIT AT LITTLE OR NO COST.

2. HOSPITAL IN DETROIT REQUIRES PRESENCE OF MOTHER IN ORDER TO SIGN PAPERS FOR OPERATION. NEITHER THE BOY NOR HIS MOTHER SPEAK ANY ENGLISH, SO PRESENCE OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING NURSING SISTER WHO HAS LOOKED AFTER THE BOY IS ALSO REQUESTED.

3. NAME OF CHILD IS JERIS KHALIL. MOTHER'S NAME: WARDEIH;
FATHER'S NAME: MAROUN. ADDRESS: VILLAGE OF AAMARIEH,
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OUTSIDE OF SIDON. SISTER'S NAME: SISTER BERNARD, DAUGHTER

OF CHARITY. ADDRESS: MAISON PROVENCE, BP 11890, ACHRAFIEH
SIOUFI, BEIRUT.

4. DETROIT HOSPITAL ADVISED KHALIL FAMILY BY LETTER
SENT AUGUST 19 TO SEEK PASSPORTS AND VISAS ON AN
EMERGENCY/EXPEDITE BASIS.

5. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON THIS ASAP,
INCLUDING OPINION AS TO WHETHER OPERATION COULD BE PER-
FORMED AT AUB HOSPITAL AND ADVISEMENT WHETHER REDUCED
COST OR FREE AIR TRANSPORT COULD BE PROVIDED THROUGH
ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND LOCAL PAN AM OFFICE.
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